Minister for Local Government

MINISTER VISITS CONSULTATIONS IN THE CENTRE

4 June 2013

The Country Liberals Government continues its commitment to sustainable and transparent local government with Minister Anderson attending public consultations at Santa Teresa and Titjikala this week.

Consultations have run over four months and visited more than 80 communities, 44 of them twice, listening to people about what they want from local government in the Territory’s regions.

Consultations will be concluding in June, however communities will be involved in community decisions and planning throughout the process.

Minister for Local Government, Alison Anderson, will invite the Regional Governance Working Group (RGWG) to a meet with her in late June to discuss the outcomes of the public consultation process.

“The RGWG is headed by Mayor of Alice Springs, Damien Ryan, who I believe is acutely aware of the issues facing central Australia,” Ms Anderson said.

“It is important for the group, who played such an important role from the outset, to have a chance review the outcomes of the public consultation as we progress with local government reform.

“Departmental staff have been working tirelessly over the past four months visiting community festivals, shops and sporting facilities to provide information and listen to feedback.

“My department has also held special meetings and made presentations to local boards, corporations and businesses to ensure we reach a true cross-section of the community.

“I have been impressed with the public consultation process as it has given a voice back to the people – a philosophy of this Country Liberals Government.

“Delia Lawrie’s former Labor Government imposed super shires on our regions without first listening to the people.

“Every time I visit a town, community or homeland people are keen to talk to me about local government reform, the overwhelming theme is they’re glad to have their voices heard again.”

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- Santa Teresa Shire Office on Tuesday 4 June from 10am - 1pm
- Titjikala Shire Office on Wednesday 5 June from 10am